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Mr. William F. Caton
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RE: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Petition for Expedited
Waiver of the Ten-Digit Dialing Requirement of 47 C.F.R. Sec.
52.19 for 412 (Pittsburgh) NPA Area Code Relief, CC Docket No.
96-98 (Tracking No. 970116)

Dear Mr. Caton:

As a Senator who represents constituents who reside in the 412 area code, I ask that the FCC grant the above-reference petition by the Pennsylvania PUC. This petition seeks an expedited waiver of the FCC's ten-digit dialing requirement in connection with the implementation of 412 overlay code relief on May 1, 1997. A grant of this waiver will permit the 724 overlay area code to be implemented with continued seven-digit dialing within the old and new area codes, as required by a PUC Order entered on September 12, 1996.

While we favor vigorous competition in the telecommunications market-place, we do not believe that forcing two million business and residential customers in the 412 area code (including the second biggest metropolitan senior citizen population in the country) to give up the ease, convenience and familiarity of seven-digit dialing is necessary to promote competition. As explained in the PUC's petition, the assumption underlying the ten-digit dialing requirement for overlays -- that competing phone service providers will have to assign customers numbers in the overlay area code -- is undercut by actual numbering conditions in the 412 area code. The availability of interim and permanent number portability will permit customers who switch to other phone service providers to keep their 412 numbers. In addition, competing providers will themselves have approximately 2.6 million 412 numbers, or one of every three usable 412 numbers, for assignment to their customers. Therefore, a waiver of this requirement is clearly justified in 412.

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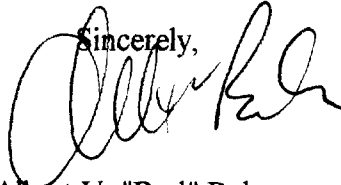
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We also request that the FCC act expeditiously on the waiver request since 412 area code relief is desperately needed and accordingly must be implemented on schedule on May 1.

Sincerely,

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Albert V. "Bud" Belan
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Dear Mr. Caton:

I am writing in support of the above-referenced petition submitted by the Pennsylvania PUC and respectfully request that your agency approve the petition. This petition seeks an expedited waiver of the FCC's ten-digit dialing requirement in connection with the implementation of 412 overlay code relief on May 1, 1997. A grant of this waiver will permit the 724 overlay area code to be implemented with continued seven-digit dialing within the old and new area codes, as required by a PUC Order entered on September 12, 1996. It would seem to me that permitting existing 412 customers to continue seven-digit dialing would avoid a great deal of unnecessary confusion.

I certainly favor vigorous competition in the telecommunications marketplace, but do not believe that forcing two million business and residential customers in the 412 area code (including the second biggest metropolitan senior citizen population in the country) to give up the ease, convenience and familiarity of seven-digit dialing is necessary to promote competition. As explained in the PUC's petition, the assumption underlying the 10-digit dialing requirement for overlays -- that competing phone service providers will have to assign customers numbers in the overlay area code -- is undercut by actual numbering conditions in the 412 area code. The availability of interim and permanent number probability will permit customers who switch to other phone service providers to keep their 412 numbers. In addition, competing providers will themselves have approximately 2.6 million 412 numbers, or one of every three usable 412 numbers, for assignment to their customers. Therefore, a waiver of this requirement is clearly justified in 412.

It would also be appreciated if the FCC could act expeditiously on the waiver request

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Very truly yours,

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Frank Mascara
Member of Congress

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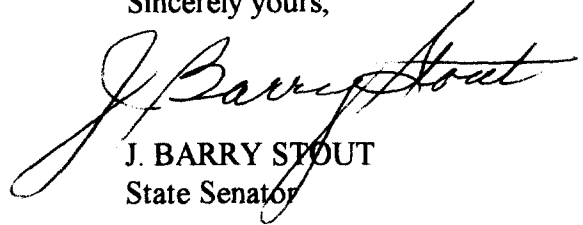
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